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With all due respect, Microsoft is not the bad guy in the world of computers. As a software developer and user for the past 26 (yes 26) years, I can say that Microsoft has been a breath of fresh (and inexpensive) air in a world of otherwise expensive computer hardware and software. Just look at the price for any of the standard PC applications we know and depend on. Word processors, spreadsheets, databases, personal information managers, and yes Web browsers. Microsoft has employed the standard economies of scale to slash prices on all of these major applications at all times in their history. How can that be bad for consumers. Does our justice department really think that we are not paying enough for our software. All of these applications on all other platforms over the past 25 years were MUCH more expensive before Microsoft entered the market. Sun Microsystems, the chief Egger Onner of the Justice Department against Microsoft is a prime example of a company with proprietary hardware and limited market software and the resulting MUCH higher prices for all major applications - not to mention slower performance relative to the incredibly fast Pentiums which are a direct result of the beneficial mass marketing efforts of Microsoft and Intel. Go after Sun if you want to punish a company that tries to corner a market and turn the screws on its customers.

I have lived the computer revolution from the inside and can say with no qualms, "You got the wrong guy."

Please feel free to contact me if I can clarify or elaborate.

Thank you for taking time to listen,

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